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TO ALL EAST ASIAN AND PACIFIC DIPLOMATIC POSTS

AMCONSUL NAHA

AMEMBASSY MOSCOW

INFO CINCPAC HONO

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1. CHINA

NYT'S SHABAD REPORTS CIA-PREPARED STUDY WHICH PREDICTS PRC UNLIKELY BECOME SIGNIFICANT FORCE IN WORLD PETROLEUM MARKETS OVER NEXT DECADE, DESPITE RAPID CURRENT INCREASES IN OUTPUT, SINCE CHINESE DOMESTIC NEEDS WILL LIKELY LIMIT OIL EXPORT POTENTIAL. STUDY CONTENTS THAT EVEN UNDER MOST FAVORABLE ASSUMPTIONS, PEKING WILL BE ABLE EXPORT IN 1985 ONLY TENTH OF OIL NOW BEING EXPORTED BY OPEC COUNTRIES. TITLED "CHINA: ENERGY BALANCE PREJECTIONS", STUDY COMPLETED TWO MONTHS AGO FOR USE OF GOVT OFFICIALS, NOW AVAILABLE TO PUBLIC THROUGH CONGRESSIONAL LIBRARY.

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SHABAD NOTES REPORT LISTS THREE FACTORS THAT WOULD TEND

INHIBIT HIGH PRC OIL EXPORT PROJECTIONS; CHINESE COAL INDUSTRY GROWING SLOWLY IN RECENT YEARS, REQUIRING CONVERSION OF SOME INDUSTRIES TO OIL; PRC COMMITTED TO RAPID AGRIC MECHANIZATION, WITH OIL PREDOMINANT FUEL TO BE CONSUMED; AND CHINESE APPROACH TO INDUSTRIALIZATION--SMALL PLANTS WIDELY DISTRIBUTED--INVOLVES LESS EFFICIENT USE OF ENERGY THAN CONVENTIONAL LARGE PLANTS.

NYT'S WILFORD NOTES KWANGNING JIH PAO PUBLISHED WEDNESDAY FIRST CLEAR HINTS PEKING MIGHT HAVE PLANS FOR MANNED SPACE PROGRAM (ALSO IN WP).

2. AUSTRALIA

FOUR US SENATORS HAD WIDE-RANGING TALKS WITH FRASER, PEACOCK WEDNESDAY. BAKER LATER TOLD PRESS WHILE HE DID NOT EXPECT ANY SUBSTANTIAL CHANGE ON SPECIFIC QUESTIONS, NUMBER OF ISSUES "LEFT HANGING"; SEN VOICED HOPE NEW AUSSIE GOVT WILL ADDRESS ITSELF TO THESE PROMPTLY (NYT).

3. INDOCHINA

CAMBODIANS USE WRECKED PLANES, TANKS, OTHER WAR SCRAP TO MAKE FARM IMPLEMENTS (AP, NYT). FRENCH GOVT CLOSES, SEALS CAMBODIAN EMBASSY, PARIS RESIDENCE IN REACTION TO CONTINUED CLOSURE FRENCH EMBASSY PP (REUTER PARIS).

4. PHILIPPINES

TWO US F-4S COLLIDE OVER S CHINA SEA WHILE ON TRAINING MISSION; 4 PILOTS BAIL OUT, RESCUED, ACCORDING USAF AT CLARK (UPI, NYDN).

5. TIMOR/INDONESIA

UN SPECIAL ENVOY GUICCIARDI ARRIVED LISBON THURSDAY FOR BRIEF TALKS. REPORTED ON AIRPORT ARRIVAL HE HAS RECEIVED INDONESIAN GUARANTEES HE WILL BE ALLOWED VISIT TERRITORY; SAID WHILE IN TIMOR, HE PLANS CONTACT
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FRETILIN; SAID IN LISBON HE WILL ASK AUTHORITIES' ADVICE ON BEST PATH TOWARDS SOLVING TIMOR PROBLEM (REUTER LISBON).

TWO INDO COMMUNISTS SENTENCED TO DEATH IN E JAVA FOR TRYING REVIVE BANNED INDO CP (REUTER JAKARTA).

FRETILIN SAYS MALIK PLANS VISIT E TIMOR; JAKARTA REPORTS

VISIT PUT OFF FOR "TECHNICAL" REASONS (REUTER JAKARTA).

6. MALAYSIA

AUTHORITIES CLOSE MARA INST OF TECHNOLOGY AFTER STUDENTS
SEIZE CONTROL CAMPUS TO PROTEST NEW RULES, INCLUDING
LONG HAIR BAN (AP, NYDN). STUDY FINDS NEARLY HALF
PENANG'S 10,000 SECONDARY STUDENTS LIGHT USERS OR

EXPERIMENTING WITH ILLEGAL DRUGS (AP, NYT).

7. JAPAN

CANADA NAMES BRUCE RANKIN, AGE 58, AMBASSADOR TO
JAPAN. CAREER DIPLOMAT SERVED AS AEP TO VENEZUELA,
DR; CG IN NYC SINCE 1970. SUCCEEDS ROSS CAMPBELL,
RECENTLY NAMED CHAIRMAN ATOMIC ENERGY CANADA, LTD
(NYT).

IRAN, JAPAN AGREE TO 6.8 BILLION DOL PER YEAR TRADE
ACCORD, AND JOINT FINANCING OF PETROCHEMICAL COMPLEX,
REFINERY TO BE BUILT IN IRAN (WSJ).

CHRYSLER PLANS MARKET NEW SUBCOMPACT PLYMOUTH-MITSUBISHI
"ARROW" IN CHICAGO AREA MARCH1 . BUILT JAPAN, LISTS
FOR 3,200 DOLS (CHITRIB).

LONDON TIMES REPORTS 52 PCT OF JAPANESE HOMES HAVE
WESTERN-STYLE DINING TABLES INSTEAD OF TRADITIONAL
LOW TABLE USED IN TATAMI MATS (AP, NYT).

8. KOREA

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RADIO PYONGYANG, MONITORED TOKYO JAN 8, SAID CEREMONY
HELD WEDNESDAY MARKING COMPLETION OIL PIPELINE LINKING
PRC, DPRK (AP, SUN). AT CEREMONY, CHINESE DEPUTY FOREIGN
TRADE MINISTER CHOU SAID OIL PIPELINE HAS POLITICAL/ECON
SIGNIFICANCE, NK NEWS AGENCY REPORTED THURSDAY (REUTER
HK).

COMMENT AND ANALYSIS

9. JAPAN

JOHN EMMERSON (HOOVER INSTITUTION) IN NYT NOTES THREE
LARGEST NON-RULING CP'S IN WORLD--FRANCE, ITALY, JAPAN--
HAVE PROCLAIMED INDEPENDENCE OF MOSCOW. TRACES POSTWAR
EVOLUTION OF "LOVABLE COMMUNIST PARTY" LINE FIRST ENUNCIAT-

ED BY SANZO NOZAKA AT YENAN IN 1944. CITES CURRENT JCP PLATFORM AIMED AT ACHIEVING POWER THROUGH NON-VIOLENT, PARLIAMENTARY MEANS, AND JCP PLEDGE TO RESPECT HUMAN RIGHTS, PERMIT OPPOSITION PARTIES FUNCTION IN GOVT IT MAY LEAD. NOTES JCP BROKE WITH MOSCOW, PEKING, ACCUSING BOTH OF PLOTTING HEGEMONY. VIEWS JCP AS "LIVELY POLITICAL FORCE WITH A FUTURE." BECAUSE OF DISTANCE, OPINES THAT INTER-ACTION OF JCP WITH CONGENIAL FRIENDS IN INDUSTRIALIZED, CAPITALIST SOCIETIES IN WEST MAY NOT PRODUCE FORMIDABLE BLOC OF INFLUENCE, BUT PHENOMENON OF INDEPENDENT,

DEMOCRATIC COMMUNISM MUST INSPIRE HEADACHES IN KREMLIN. IF TREND SPREADS, SUGGESTS WE MAY AGAIN NEED REVISE OUR CONCEPTION OF COMMUNIST WORLD.

10. ASEAN

LAT'S MCARTHUR (1/7) AT BANGKOK REPORTS JAN-SCHEDULED SUMMIT NOW POSTPONED, APPEARS DOUBTFUL FOR FEB. SAYS HAK CONSIDERS ASEAN IMPORTANT, "HOWEVER UNPROMISING," AS ONE OF FEW IMPLEMENTS LEFT IN DEPLETED TOOLBOX SEA DIPLOMACY; BUT NATIONS INVOLVED HAVE SO FAR LARGELY IGNORED POSSIBILITY MIGHT HANG SEPARATELY IF DON'T HANG TOGETHER. REVIEWS ASEAN HISTORY SINCE INDOCHINA FALL. NOTES KUKRIT, WITH DOMESTIC PROBLEMS AND TRYING PLACATE COMMUNIST NEIGHBORS, INSISTS MIL AFFAIRS NOT UNCLASSIFIED

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DISCUSSED; THIS LEAVES ECONOMICS, FIRST LOVE OF LEE KUAN YEW, WHO HAS IDEAS, CENTERED ON FREE TRADE, REGIONAL AGREEMENTS WITH EEC, LOWER TARIFFS -- BUT THIS RUNS AFOUL SUHARTO WHO HAS HAD BAD YEAR WITH PERTAMINA PROBLEM, WANTS PROTECTION, HELP FROM ASEAN PARTNERS TO CARRY BURDEN.

MCARTHUR STATES MARCOS AT ODDS WITH THAILAND, MALAYSIA WHO WANT NEUTRALIST ARRANGEMENT GUARANTEED BY BIG POWERS; MANILA WANTS ASEAN PRIORITY REGIONAL SECURITY. OPINES SINGAPORE'S LEE HESITATES GET FAR IN FRONT BECAUSE HIS BRAINPOWER UPSETS COLLEAGUES, BUT MAY BE TRYING GET DIFFERING VIEWS INTO ACCEPTABLE PACKAGE THAT MAY RESULT IN SOME SORT ECON AGREEMENT EVENTUALLY. POINTS OUT SUMMIT CLOUDED BY UNRELATED DIFFICULTIES: RAZAK'S POOR HEALTH, KUKRIT'S SHAKY POLITICAL POSITION. SAYS IN LIEU BANGKOK SUMMIT, MANILA TECHNICAL-LEVEL MEETING WILL BE HELD WORKING ON DATE FOR SUMMIT. NOTES DIPLOMATS IN ALL 5 ASEAN CAPITALS REPORT UNIVERSAL AGREEMENT NOW TIME GET ORGANIZATION ROLLING, ASKS "BUT WHERE?" KISSINGER

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